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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: June 30, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 064

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 15, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 5, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	144/1.33 oz. box	80,028 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	30 lb	4,140 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	24/15 oz. pkg.	1,728 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note: The raisins purchased under this invitation must be Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural or (2) Vine-dried (DOV).

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2007-08 or later crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing and drying.

Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 064
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS
 PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
001	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,303	
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,222	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	439	
002	BRIGHTON	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
003	WYOMING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
004	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
005	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
006	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
007	INDEPENDENCE	MO		8,892	
008	BAKERSFIELD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
009	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
010	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	
	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	
011	NATIONAL CITY	CA		2,964	
012	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
013	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
014	FOREST GROVE	OR		2,964	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
015	PLAINFIELD	VT	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
016	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,990	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	974	_____
017	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
018	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
019	NATIONAL CITY	CA		1,482	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
020	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
021	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	5,928	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08					
022	LINCOLN	RI	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08					
023	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
024	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____

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025	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,380	_____
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026	EMMETT	ID		1,380	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08

027	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	990	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	390	_____

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS
 PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

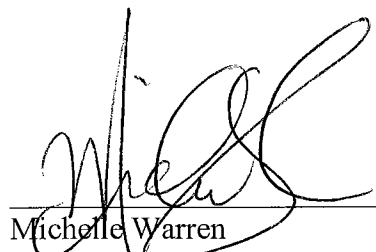
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08

028	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 85,896

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 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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